

Maryland Addictions Director's Council
Workforce Development Committee
Conference Call Minutes ■ August 4, 2010

Members participating in the call:

Kevin Amado, Gary Fry, Becky Hogamier, Tracey Myers-Preston and John Winslow.

Recruitment Committee

Tracey updated the group that we will be forming an ad hoc committee to begin outlining the guidelines and criteria for our scholarship program. It is our hope to have a committee to begin their work in September. Please let Tracey know if you would like to participate.

We will continue to gather the information for our field placement directory on the website.

Health Care Reform Coordinating Council Workgroups

Tracey provided an overview of the HCRCC workgroups and specifically the objectives of the Workforce workgroup. A meeting was facilitated around the topic of workgroup priorities. The Workforce workgroup priorities are as follows:

- Appropriate behavioral healthcare practice and training for all healthcare professionals
BH workforce IS part of healthcare
- Funded investment in behavioral health tracks in state universities
Eliminate barriers for professionalism
- Create definition of behavioral health workers are and standardize across healthcare
Paraprofessionals (reimbursed)
Facility versus Independent Practitioner
- Fair rate of reimbursement
Licensing versus competency
EBP versus consensus based

Tracey encouraged members to attend meetings and ask for specific commitments from any members who were interested and able to play a leadership role.

Other Business

Cindy Shaw-Wilson was unable to participate, but did share an email regarding Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists Regulations & Legislative Committee efforts. Tracey shared the full email with the group. We will look forward to further information and will support Cindy as we can.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 am